



November 6, 2012

Safety and Law Enforcement Officials Discuss Realignment



Public Safety and Law Enforcement officials at SCAG's Regional Council Meeting.

One year after public safety realignment went into effect on October 1, 2011, law enforcement and public safety officials from the six Southern California counties met on October 4, 2012 with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council to discuss the impact of the transfer of low-level state prisoners to the counties' jail and probation system. Public safety officials such as Sheriffs, Police Department officials, Probation Officers along with representatives from county District Attorney's offices from Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties all spoke about how AB 109 is impacting their counties and departments.

The enacted legislation contains numerous statutory and technical changes to implement changes to the Budget Act of 2011. The bill expands the authority of local correctional administrators to use alternative custody methods for low level/non-violent offenders, and establishes day for day credit for offenders serving time in jail.

The discussion revolved around five common areas:

- No Dedicated Funding
- Insufficient Jail Space/Facilities
- Issues Post-Release & Recidivism
- Adverse Effects To Public Safety
- Probation Has The Most Responsibility And Inadequate Resources

In addition, concerns were raised regarding the legal challenges that the counties could potentially face.

A list of attendees is available at www.bit.ly/SCAGattendees. A draft summary of concerns and issues brought forth by each county in the SCAG region can be found at <http://bit.ly/AB109DRAFT>.

New Website! CA Smart Growth Infrastructure Funding & Financing

SCAG recently launched the new [CA Smart Growth Infrastructure Funding & Financing](#) microsite, identifying resources and potential partnerships for local governments to fund and finance public infrastructure improvements for transit-oriented development and other smart growth projects. The website is a result of a SCAG [Compass Blueprint](#) demonstration project which sought to identify innovative public-private partnerships that would help implement and fund the City of Fullerton's land use and transportation plans. Fullerton Smart Growth 2030 was developed as a [Compass Blueprint](#) project with the city of Fullerton and supports Phase II of SCAG's [Southern California Economic Recovery and Job Creation Strategy](#). Valuable information like funding sources and case studies give cities the tools to implement the kinds of projects called for by SB 375 and Phase II of SCAG's [Southern California Economic Recovery and Job Creation Strategy](#).

Brawley Bypass Opens

Caltrans and the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Oct. 18 for the Brawley Bypass, an eight-mile, four-lane divided expressway from SR-86 to just south of the eastern junction of SR-111 and SR-78. Approximately 3,000 cargo trucks are expected to travel the route daily, providing relief from years of big rig traffic in downtown Brawley and creating a safer environment for pedestrians. SCAG initiated a study report for the proposed bypass in 1993, and the resulting \$236 million project is a result of a collaboration between SCAG, Caltrans, ICTC, County of Imperial and the City of Brawley. The Brawley Bypass will officially begin operations in late November.



Attendees included (from left to right): SCAG Executive Director Hasan Ikhtrata; Caltrans District 11 Director Laurie Berman; Imperial County Board of Supervisors Chair Michael Kelley; California State Assembly Member V. Manuel Pérez, (D-Coachella); City of Brawley Mayor George Nava; ICTC Executive Director Mark Baza; Imperial County Board of Supervisors Vice-Chair Gary Wyatt; Associate Division Administrator, US Department of Transportation – FHWA, Richard Backlund; Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty; City of Cathedral City Council Member Greg Pettis; and City of El Centro Council Member Cheryl Viegas-Walker.

SCAG and Myongi University sign MOU



In October, SCAG's Regional Council approved a



Memorandum of Understanding with Myongi University in South Korea to promote joint research and exchange technical information. SCAG Immediate Past President Pam O'Connor and Myongi University Vice President Yong Soon Kim signed the MOU at a ceremony on October 22. The University conducts innovative research on governance, community development, transportation, sustainability and globalization.

Pictured left: SCAG Immediate Past President Pam O'Connor and Myongi University Vice President Young Soon Kim at MOU signing ceremony.

SCAG attends IPM Beijing Conference

At the invitation of the Institute of Policy and Management (IPM) within the Chinese Academy of Science, SCAG participated in the International Economic, Environmental and Energy Discussion (EEED) Conference in Beijing, China. IPM is a top Chinese think-tank for macro-level decision-making on sustainable socioeconomic development and strategic policy formation. The conference aimed to bridge and incorporate global knowledge in economic development and data management, while encouraging participants to exchange experiences in greenhouse gas emission reduction strategies through local policies on sustainable transportation and land use planning and environmental preservation.



Beijing Conference in Session

SCAG staff (Frank Wen, Simon Choi and Ping Wang) made three presentations during the July conference: Regional Collaboration to Address Global Challenges (California's SB 375 and SCAG Experience); Transportation, Land Use and Climate Change (New Planning Methods and Applications in Southern California); and Regional Planning and Sustainable Development Strategy in Southern California (SCAG Governance, Funding and Policy-Making Process). The presentations were well-received, allowing SCAG and the international participants to broaden their understanding of experiences and perspectives while setting the stage for future cooperation among multiple nations – and especially between SCAG and IPM – to address global climate issues.

Housing Element Workshops 2012

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)'s Division of Housing Policy Development will be holding workshops in the SCAG region to assist local governments in preparing housing element updates for the 5th Cycle (2013-2021). State law requires that a local jurisdiction's housing element update outline the housing needs of their community, the barriers or constraints to providing that housing, and actions proposed to address these concerns over an eight-year period. Housing elements for the SCAG region must be adopted by local jurisdictions by Oct. 15, 2013. The workshops will take place in:

- **Los Angeles***

Tuesday, November 13, 2012, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

SCAG Main Office, 818 W. 7th St. 12th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017

*Videoconferencing for the Los Angeles workshop will be available at SCAG's regional offices in Imperial, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties, and the City of Palmdale.

- **Ontario**

Wednesday, November 14, 2012, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
City of Ontario City Hall, 303 East B St., Ontario, CA 91764

- **Palm Desert**

Tuesday, November 20, 2012, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
CVAG Office, 73-710 Fred Waring Dr., Palm Desert, CA 92260

- **Ontario**

Wednesday, November 14, 2012, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
City of Ontario City Hall, 303 East B St., Ontario, CA 91764

- **Camarillo**

Wednesday, November 28, 2012, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Camarillo Public Library, 4101 Las Posas Rd., Camarillo, CA 93010

- **Long Beach**

Wednesday, December 5, 2012, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Long Beach City Hall, 333 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802

For more information or to RSVP for an upcoming workshop, please visit:
www.scag.ca.gov/HEW2012.

EVENTS

NOVEMBER

9th High-Speed Rail and Transit Subcommittee Meeting

12th Goods Movement Subcommittee Meeting

22nd & 23rd Observance of Thanksgiving Holiday, SCAG Closed

DECEMBER

6th Third Annual Economic Summit 2012

6th SCAG Regional Council & Policy Committees Meetings are CANCELLED

25th Observance of Christmas Holiday, SCAG Closed

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